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Navy nominations beginning Karla M. Abreuolson, ending Glen A. Zurlo, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 11, 1998.

Navy nominations beginning Leanne K. Aaby, and ending Michael J. Zuccherro, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 14, 1998.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session.

FEDERAL MEAT AND POULTRY EMPLOYEES PAY ACT OF 1998

Mr. BENNETT. I ask unanimous consent the Agriculture Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 2511 and the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2511) to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to pay employees of the Food Safety and Inspection Service working in establishments subject to the Federal Meat Inspection Act and the Poultry Products Inspection Act for overtime and holiday work performed by the employees.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. BENNETT. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill appear at this point in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 2511

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Federal Meat and Poultry Employees Pay Act of 1998".

SEC. 2. OVERTIME AND HOLIDAY PAY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Agriculture may—

(1) pay employees of the Department of Agriculture employed in an establishment subject to the Federal Meat Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) or the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 451 et seq.) for all overtime and holiday work performed at the establishment at rates determined by the Secretary, subject to applicable law relating to minimum wages and maximum hours; and

(2) accept from the establishment reimbursement for any sums paid by the Secretary for the overtime and holiday work, at rates determined under paragraph (1).

(b) AVAILABILITY.—Sums received by the Secretary under this section shall remain available until expended without further appropriation and without fiscal year limitation, to carry out this section.

SEC. 3. CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

(a) Section 25 of the Poultry Products Inspection Act (21 U.S.C. 468) is amended by striking "except that the cost" and all that follows and inserting "except the cost of overtime and holiday pay paid pursuant to the Federal Meat and Poultry Employees Pay Act of 1998."

(b) The Act of June 5, 1948 (21 U.S.C. 695), is amended by striking "overtime" and all that follows and inserting "overtime and holiday pay paid pursuant to the Federal Meat and Poultry Employees Pay Act of 1998."

(c) The matter under the heading "BUREAU OF ANIMAL INDUSTRY" of the Act of July 24, 1919, is amended by striking the next to the last paragraph (7 U.S.C. 394).

(d) Section 5549 of title 5, United States Code is amended by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the following:

"(1) The Federal Meat and Poultry Employees Pay Act of 1998;"

MAMMOGRAPHY QUALITY STANDARDS REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1998

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 580, H.R. 4382.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4382) to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the program for mammography quality standards.

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements relating to the bill be placed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 4382) was considered read the third time and passed.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 1999—CONFERENCE REPORT

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 4112, the legislative branch appropriations bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The report will be stated.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The committee on conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4112), have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses this report, signed by all of the conferees.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, the Senate will proceed to consider the conference report.

(The conference report is printed in the House proceedings of the RECORD of September 22, 1998.)

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the conference report be agreed to; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements relating to the conference report be placed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The conference report was agreed to.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I must comment as chairman of the legislative branch subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee, I am particularly pleased with the action the Senate has just taken. I am proud of the work we did in conference, and I feel that Members of the Senate, as well as the House, will find the appropriate amount of support allocated for their activities in this conference report.

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1998

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 12 noon on Monday, September 28. I further ask unanimous consent that when the Senate reconvenes on Monday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved, no resolutions come over under the rule, the call of the calendar be waived, the morning hour be deemed to have expired and that the time for the two leaders be reserved. I further ask that the Senate then begin a period for the transaction of morning business until 2 p.m., with Senators permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes each, with the following exceptions:

Senator ROTH in control of the time until 12:40; Senator DORGAN, or his designee, for 40 minutes thereafter.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. DEWINE). Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, for the information of all Senators, on Monday, there will be a period for morning business from 12 noon until 2. Following morning business, the motion to proceed to the Internet tax bill will be the pending business. Members are encouraged to come to the floor to discuss the important issue of Internet tax. At 3:30 p.m., under a previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of the so-called Vacancies Act for debate only until 5:30 p.m. Following that debate, at 5:30 p.m., the Senate will proceed to a cloture vote on the vacancies bill. Following that vote, the Senate may consider any other legislative or executive items cleared for action.

Members are reminded that second-degree amendments to the vacancy bill must be filed by 4:30 p.m. on Monday. And as a further reminder, a cloture motion was filed today on the motion to proceed to the Internet tax bill.